Signal Office,

War Department,

Washington City. May 25th, 1885

Prof. Asa Gray,

Harvard University,

Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Doctor:

The collection of plants which I sent you through Professor Baird, would have been followed by a letter ere this, had I been able to attend to it.

The collection I sent you is as complete as I could make it with my limited knowledge of botany, except as regards the moss, which I will send you later.

I now enclose a single plant which appears to me different from any I have forwarded to you. Dr V says it is Hesperis in an interesting state I should like to call attention to specimen No. 23, which Dr. Vasey of the Agricultural Department thinks a new plant. Later Dr V. says it is Deschampsia arctica.

In default of your being at Cambridge, and my necessity of getting some of my plants in order, I asked Dr. Vasey to identify the collection as far as possible, which he has kindly done. There are, however, quite a number of specimens, generally draba, which he could not

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identify.

I forward to you a list of plants found by the English in that neighborhood, which may slightly facilitate your work of identification.

I should be pleased to furnish you duplicates or triplicates as far as may be practicable, from my personal collection of these plants, and as soon after your report as possible I will transmit a set formally to Harvard University.

It is understood that such of the plants as I have not marked to be returned, are to be retained by you for your personal herbarium. Inclose two Potentilla which appear to an inexperienced eye to be different varieties which may possibly correspond to P. nivea var. pulchella Br, var P. Vahliana, I have among my Dryas Octo sheets both of whole leaves with fringed edges and also of the serrated or rugged edged.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

1st Lt. 5th Cav., A.S.O.
and Assistant.

(One Enc.)